

December 27, 1960

Councilman Michael A. Bontempo
City Hall
Newark, New Jersey

Dear President Bontempo:

This year the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations would like to inaugurate a First Annual Brotherhood Awards Celebration to be sponsored by the City Council and be presented at a Council meeting during Brotherhood month. We would like to present the awards at a brief 15 minute ceremony during your February 14th regular meeting if you can make the time available.

So that you and the other Council members understand the purpose of the presentations, it is to pay tribute to residents of the City of Newark who have helped to improve group relations by putting the principle of brotherhood into action on their day-to-day jobs throughout the year.

For 1961 we have chosen the Newark Fire Department, Capt. Robert F. Marron; Firemen William Olvaney, Stanley J. Kossup and John E. Denvir; Richard Lowey, a photographer for the Newark News, and Irving Laskowitz, Tenant Relations Division, Newark Housing Authority.

We sincerely hope you and the City Council will go along with our proposal and that you might even vote to make it an annual affair. In future years the Council might deem it wise to accept nominations from any group or individual in the City of the persons who should receive such awards. We suggest that screening future award recipients might take place in December or January for presentation during Brotherhood month which is February.

Warmest personal wishes to you and the Council members for a productive and prosperous New Year.

Cordially yours,

Daniel S. Anthony,
Executive Director

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